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I am sorry for the delay in responding to your letter of August 1, in which you enclosed correspondence from your constituent. She inquired about United States Government support for refugees in Portugal, Cambodia, Uganda, and Afghanistan.

Portugal has accepted over a half million citizens from its former colonies in Africa, principally Angolans, since 1975. The United States has aided Portugal by giving over \$35 million for the care of these people. As of 1979, however, there were still approximately 8,000 people still in returnee camps.

The most significant portion of U.S. aid for refugee relief in all areas of the world is donated through various international agencies, primarily the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). In fiscal year 1981, the United States contributed \$45 million in food and other assistance to victims of the refugee disaster in Kampuchea and nearly \$90 million in support for the more than 2 million Afghan refugees who are in asylum in Pakistan. Of this, approximately \$40 million has consisted of food contributions. The United States contributes two-thirds of the total food donated for the relief effort in Pakistan.

The U.S. has contributed \$1.4 million to the UNHCR special appeal for Ugandan refugees in Eastern Zaire, and we heavily support the ongoing program of the UNHCR in Sudan, which supports 30,000 Ugandan refugees as well as thousands from Ethiopia and Chad.

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Yours sincerely,

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The Honorable
Bill McCollum,
House of Representatives.

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